GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services - Forest Department - Disciplinary action against Sri S.V. Ramana, Forest Section Officer (retd) Kandivalasa Section of Srikakulam Division - Article of Charge issued - Inquiry finalized and findings received - Imposing a penalty of 25% cut in pension for a period of two (2) years besides recovery of Rs. 5,14,833/- against the Charged Officer - Show-Cause-Notice Issued - Explanation received – Final Orders – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SEC.IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 92 Dated: 03-09-2016
Read the following:

1. From the Prl.CCF Lr. Ref.No.7455/2007/Vig-1(ii), dt. 04-06-2015.
2. G.M. No. 3276/For.IV/A1/2015, dt. 18.03.2016.
3. From Sri S.V. Ramana, FSO(Retd), explanation dt. 12.5.2016, submitted on 22.7.2016.
4. Govt. Lr. No. 3276/Sec.IV/A1/2015, dt.25.07.2016
5. From the Prl. Secretary, APPSC, Lr. No. 603/DC&C/2/2016, dt. 11.08.2016.

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In the reference 1st read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P., Hyderabad has informed that an Article of Charge was issued against Sri S.V. Ramana, Forest Section Officer(Retd), Kandivalasa Section of Srikakaulam Division vide DFO,Srikakaulam Rc.No.214/2007/A3, dt.24.02.2007(AOC) under Rule 20 of APCS (CCA) Rules 1991.

Article–:- That the said Sri S.V.Ramana, Forest Section Officer during his working period in Kandivalasa Section of Srikakaulam Range has execution of work under FDA project for raising of Casuarina plantation in Sri Durgadevi VSS and Sri Badramahankali VSS of Aliivalasa Village and charged excess amount incurred Rs.5,01,062/- for which the statements are appended for the year 2006-07 and 2005-06(Spillover work charged in 2006-07)

2. The Charged Officer acknowledged the Article of Charge on 10.03.2007 and submitted his explanation on 01.12.2007. Not satisfied with his explanation the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests has appointed Chief Conservator of Forests, Visakapatnam as Inquiry Officer and Divisional Forest Officer, Srikakulam as Presenting Officer vide PCCF Proc.No.7455/2007/P3(i)(ii), dt.13.09.2010, for conducting the regular inquiry.

3. The Inquiry Officer conducted the enquiry and submitted his findings vide CF,Visakhapatnam Rc.No.933/2007/M8, dt.14.10.2013 and in which he stated that:-

> The Forest Section Officer Sri S.V.Ramana has blatantly violated all the provisions of G.O.Ms.No.2 EFS&T(For.III), dt.07.01.2004 for VSS works and manual of works being 100% check measuring authority. The Forest Beat Officer was given powers after CFM to record M.Book and draw funds as a joint signatory of VSS bank account with VSS resolution after completion of works satisfactory. But he has taken all powers into his hands and misappropriated Government funds to an extent of Rs.12,50,858/- including dissolved accounts by Divisional Forest Officer, Srikakaulam without actual execution of works. He has failed to submit surveyed sketches which is the root

Cause of all irregularities and misguided all his superiors. His past track record also very bad. He has habitual of irregular working. The Divisional Forest Officer, Srikakaulam also booked a criminal case and sent to remand and he obtained bail later in this case. He is the key person in the entire episode and should be punished severely in the interest of the Department. The Article of Charge levelled against the then Forest Section Officer Sri S.V.Ramana, retired on 30.09.2013 is **Proved beyond any doubt.**

4. The Findings of the Inquiry officer were communicated to the Charged Officer on 21.10.2013 and he was called for the further defense. The Charged Officer submitted his further defense statement on 04.01.2014.

5. The Charged Officer retired from service on attaining the age of superannuation on 30.09.2013. Hence the disciplinary proceedings are continued under Rule 9 of AP Revised pension Rules, 1980.

6. After careful examination of the matter, with reference to the findings of the Inquiry Officer, the remarks of the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, and material made available, Government have observed that the charge framed against the Charged Officer is held proved beyond doubt and provisionally decided to impose a punishment of 25% cut in pension for a period of (2) Two years year besides recovery of Rs 5,14,833/- against Sri S.V. Ramana, Forest Section Officer(Retd),then Kandivalasa section of Srikakaulam Division, under rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

7. Accordingly a Show-Cause-Notice was issued to the retired officer vide reference 2nd read above. The Charged officer in his explanation dt. 12.05.2016, has agreed to the proposed penalty in the show cause notice.

8. Government, after careful examination of the matter hereby order to impose punishment of 25% cut in pension for a period of (2) Two years besides recovery of Rs 5,14,833/- against Sri S.V. Ramana, Forest Section Officer(Retd), Kandivalasa section of Srikakaulam Division, under rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

9. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P. Hyderabad is directed to take action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Dr. P.V.RAMESH
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P., Hyderabad.
The Individual (through Principal Chief Conservator of Forests).

Copy to:
The Accountant General (A&E) A.P., Hyderabad.
The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, Hyderabad, A.P.
The Principal Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission, Hyderabad
(with ref. to Lr.No.603/DC&C/2/2016, dt.11.08.2016).

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//FORWARDED::BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER